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SUBJECT: US-USSR ARMS CONTROL WORKING GROUP ON RW/MDW,
FIFTH ROUND: ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE ON ELEMENT (ARTICLE) 3

REFS: A) GENEVA 12934 B) STATE 110409

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1. FOLLOWING GUIDANCE ON USDEL PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO RW
ELEMENT (ARTICLE) 3 IS PRESENTED IN PARTIAL RESPONSE
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TO REF A.

2. WE CONCUR IN USDEL RECOMMENDATION TO USE WORD "ALSO"
AS SPECIFIED. ELEMENT 3 IS INDEED AN UNDERTAKING IN
ADDITION TO BASIC PROHIBITION OF ELEMENT (ARTICLE)1.

3. CONSIDERATION OF OTHER USDEL SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS TO

ELEMENT 3 HAS LED US TO CONCLUDE THAT CHANGES OF THIS NATURE COULD, AS USDEL SUGGESTS, MORE CLEARLY DEFINE SCOPE SOUGHT AND COULD BE MORE COMPLEMENTARY TO THE PROHIBITION DERIVING FROM THE DEFINITION IN PARA 2, ELEMENT 2.

4. CURRENTLY TABLED US LANGUAGE FOR ELEMENT 3 PROHIBITS USE AS A RADIOLOGICAL WEAPON OF MATERIAL "NOT SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED AS A WEAPON". WE BELIEVE THAT THIS FORMULATION, COUPLED WITH THE DEFINITIONS AND PROHIBITION IN ELEMENTS 1 AND 2, COVERS ALL USES OF RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL THAT WE WOULD WISH TO PROHIBIT. IN LIGHT OF DIFFICULTIES NOTED REF A, HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THAT NEW LANGUAGE ALONG LINES OF THAT PROPOSED BY USDEL MAY PROVE MORE NEGOTIABLE. WE FURTHER BELIEVE THAT THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE IN SUBSTANCE BETWEEN NEW LANGUAGE AND PRESENT US LANGUAGE.

5. WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, TWO CHANGES TO SPECIFIC LANGUAGE PROPOSED BY USDEL ARE NECESSARY. USDEL FORMULATION ADDRESSES "RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL NOT PROHIBITED UNDER ELEMENTS 1 AND 2." INASMUCH AS ELEMENT 1 DOES NOT PROHIBIT RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL BUT RATHER RADIOLOGICAL WEAPONS AND ELEMENT 2 DEFINES RATHER THAN PROHIBITS, WE PREFER PHRASE "RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL NOT DEFINED AS A RADIOLOGICAL WEAPON BY ELEMENT 2, PARAGRAPH 2." ALSO, NEW FORMULATION REQUIRES ADDITION OF PHRASE "WHEN CONFIDENTIAL

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DELIVERED OR DISSEMINATED" TO ELIMINATE DIRECTED ENERGY WEAPONS FROM SCOPE OF COVERAGE (REF B, PARA 3).

6. USDEL MAY TABLE FOLLOWING REVISED TEXT FOR ELEMENT 3 IF USDEL FEELS IT WOULD BE MORE NEGOTIABLE: (BEGIN TEXT). EACH STATE PARTY TO THE CONVENTION ALSO UNDERTAKES NOT TO USE ANY RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL NOT DEFINED AS A RADIOLOGICAL WEAPON BY ELEMENT 2, PARAGRAPH 2, OTHER THAN THAT PRODUCED BY A NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE DEVICE, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CAUSING, WHEN DELIVERED OR DISSEMINATED, DESTRUCTION, DAMAGE OR INJURY BY MEANS OF THE RADIATION PRODUCED BY ITS DECAY. (END TEXT). CHRISTOPHER

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